

Montana Wheat and Barley Committee Summer Board Meeting
Cottonwood Room – Holiday Inn Grand Montana, Billings
July 1, 2008

The following were present for either a portion or the entire meeting.

DIRECTORS

Brian Kaae
Don Fast
Arlo Skari
Frank Schoonover

Kim Holzer
Mel Goffena

EX-OFFICIOS

Dr. Jeff Jacobsen, Dean; MSU College of Agriculture and Director; Montana Ag Experiment Station.
Ron de Yong, Director; Montana Department of Agriculture

STAFF

Kim Falcon, Executive Vice President
Darolyn Holland

GUESTS

Dr. Dale Clark, Director of Research; Westbred, LLC
Carl Mattson, Conservation and Farm Policy Associate; Montana Grain Growers Association
Peggy Stringer, State Statistician; Montana Agricultural Statistics Service
Will Roehm, President; Montana Grain Growers Association
Russell Nemetz, Broadcaster; Northern Ag Network
Terry Whiteside, Freight Traffic Consultant; Whiteside and Associates
Leonard Schock, past MW & BC director and past Chairman/U.S. Wheat Associates

The 2008 summer board meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Schoonover at approximately 9:00am. Crop progress reports were presented by Frank Schoonover, Brian Kaae, Kim Holzer, Mel Goffena, Arlo Skari, Don Fast, Leonard Schock, Dale Clark and Ron de Yong.

Public comment was then called for. Leonard Schock addressed the importance of U.S. Wheat Associates to the State of Montana and encouraged the Montana Wheat & Barley Committee to continue to invest in market development through USWA. For every \$1.00 from MW & BC, the U.S. government provides a \$3.00 match.

Director Ron de Yong commented on the minutes from May, 28 2008. Director de Yong discussed the need for a concerted, coordinated effort on the rule making process in conjunction with the spending authority and the process.

- 1) **M/S/C Brian Kaae/Arlo Skari** -- That there be a change in the minutes from 5/28/2008, item # 2, regarding spending authority. This group will give recommendations regarding spending authority for the MW&BC and will have the mandate to investigate potentially changing from legislative appropriations to statutory appropriations and to also examine spending authority mechanisms in other states as a possible option. Aside from the above change, the board moves to adopt the minutes from 5/28/2008.
- 2) **M/S/C Don Fast/Kim Holzer** – Motion to accept the financial report as presented by Kim Falcon.

Kim Falcon, Executive Vice-President, discussed the trade team schedule for the next few months.

Dr. Dale Clark, Director of Research, Westbred, LLC, reported on the Food Barley trip he took to Japan that was sponsored by the USGC.

Will Roehm, President, MGGA, gave updates for MGGA, NAWG, National Barley Growers Association and MontanaMarketManager.

Carl Mattson, Conservation and Farm Policy Associate, MGGA, reported on the pesticide regulation update.

Kim Falcon asked for suggestions for a speaker for the MW&BC portion of the MGGA convention to be held December 2-5, 2008 in Great Falls. The board is considering Mike Kruger from the Money Farm.

Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture, reported on the Ag Coalition meeting.

Don Fast, Director MW & BC, updated the board on the U.S. Grains Council, mentioning the barley contract between Tecate and Sweet Grass Growers.

Peggy Stringer, State Statistician, Montana Agricultural Statistics Service distributed the recent Crop Weather report. State statistics are dependent on two things: Agricultural Yield survey and winter wheat statistics (small plots plus spring wheat objective plots) The Small Grains Summary is due in September.

Chairman Schoonover, reported on U.S. Wheat Associates activities. A big issue for the upcoming Kansas City meeting is Biotech.

Brian Kaae, Vice Chairman, District 1, gave an update on the Northern Crops Institute.

Arlo Skari, Director, District 3, reported on a NCI plant tour he took. He learned about the marketing of grain out of a four-state area, classes the Institute offers and a general NCI overview.

Kim Falcon reported on the latest National Barley Foods Council meeting on behalf of Cheryl Tuck who attended.

Russell Nemetz, Northern Ag Network, reported his participation in the U.S. Wheat Associates Trade Mission to Latin America and gave his Media Tour report.

Kim Falcon reported that ADM sold out to Malteurope. INBEV is attempting a hostile takeover of Anheuser Busch. The Australian Wheat Board may cease to retain its monopoly marketing desk. The Canadian Wheat Board is still fighting for control.

- 3) **M/S/C Don Fast/Arlo Skari** – That the board approve travel for Kim Falcon to Portland, Oregon for a U.S. Wheat Associates workshop, August 4th and 5th. The motion was carried.
- 4) **M/S/C Brian Kaae/Mel Goffena** – That the board approve travel for staff to Dallas, Texas for the USWA/NAWG Fall Board Meeting November 1-3, 2008. Also that the board approve travel to Japan for the USGC SBS mission and a possible visit to the Philippines to meet with wheat buyers.

Melvin Goffena, Director, District 6, reported on the Farm Fair he attended in Bozeman which was partially funded by the Committee.

The executive session shown on the agenda was not held.

Terry Whiteside, Freight Traffic Consultant; Whiteside & Associates; reported on transportation updates.

There was a tentative decision made that the annual Fall Board of Directors' meeting for the MW&BC would be held in Great Falls on October 9th and 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.